

Montana – Alberta St. Mary and Milk Rivers Water Management Initiative

Meeting #JIT-02

Date: 2 days – January 12th & 13th, 2009

Start Time: Jan. 12th – 2:00 PM; Jan. 13th – 8:30 AM

Place: Holiday Inn, 400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Second of three educational meetings dedicated to developing a better understanding of the international apportionment procedures and the similarities and differences in how Montana and Alberta manage water.

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Day 1: January 12th – 2:00 – 5:00

- 2:00 Welcome and Member introductions – John Tubbs**
- Welcome guests
 - Review meeting objectives, agenda
 - Review December 2008 meeting action items and adopt meeting notes
- 2:30 What did Members think about since last meeting? – Robert Harrison**
- Members share thinking about water management initiative
- 3:30 Break**
- 3:45 International Agreements – Sal Figliuzzi and Larry Dolan**
Introduction to Article VI of the Boundary Waters Treaty
- 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty
 - 1921 Order of the International Joint Commission
 - Field Officers Apportionment Procedures
 - Annual Records Meetings
 - 2001 Letter of Intent
- 5:00 Adjourn**
- 6:30 Dinner at Jakers Steak Rib & Fish House**

Day 2: January 13th – 8:30 – 3:00

8:30 Irrigation – Roger Holm and Larry Dolan

General description of the irrigation infrastructure, and water application systems used in each jurisdiction.

- Montana water delivery and irrigation infrastructure
- Montana area irrigated
- Montana irrigation water use
- Alberta water delivery and irrigation infrastructure
- Alberta area irrigated
- Alberta irrigation water use

10:00 Communications – Robert Harrison

- Discussion of member's communication to constituents

10:30 Break

10:45 Water Operations – Terrence Lazarus and Larry Dolan

General description of water management operations in place in each jurisdiction.

- Montana water management operations
- Alberta water management operations

12:00 Lunch - provided

1:00 Instream and Ecosystem Flows – Sal Figliuzzi and Larry Dolan

Overview of the regulatory/planning process used in each jurisdiction.

- Montana
- Alberta

2:00 Criteria for evaluating options – Robert Harrison

2:30 Meeting Review, Next Meeting, Action Items – John Tubbs and Robert Harrison

- Debrief of meeting process
- Review action items, agreements reached
- Items for Joint Status Report
- Decide on field tours, dates
- Preparation for next meeting – any other materials needed?

3:00 Adjourn